



STATE OF CALIFORNIA - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



August 15, 2013

RITE OF PASSAGE: SILVER STATE ACADEMY- 602300001
100 ROSASCHI ROAD
YERINGTON, NV 89447

SUBJECT: Re-Certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Capacity : 116 male youth; ages 13-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for Rite of Passage - Silver State Academy is continued through June 2014.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual, or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first-aid)
- f. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child)
- g. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the health or safety of a child

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will continue to follow our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without an appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 651-5380, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

MEI YUK KUNG
Program Chief

C: CDSS Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State Placement & Policy Unit

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION
CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME: RITE OF PASSAGE: SILVER STATE ACADEMY
ADMINISTRATOR: ~~LAWRENCE HOWELL~~ Dr. Nikki Issacs
ADDRESS: 100 ROSASCHI ROAD
CITY: YERINGTON STATE: NV
CAPACITY: ~~225~~ 116 CENSUS: 72
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management (Re-Cert.) UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH: Dr. Nikki Issacs; Mike Sharkey, Student Services

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300001
FACILITY TYPE: 731
TELEPHONE: (775) 483-5111
ZIP CODE: 89447
DATE: 06/27/2013
TIME BEGAN: 09:56 AM
TIME COMPLETED: 03:12 PM

NARRATIVE

PURPOSE OF VISIT: Annual re-certification pursuant to California Family Code section 7911.1(c)

FACILITY VISIT DATES: June 27, 2013

OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION UNIT (OSCU) STAFF MEMBER: Carol Lancaster, AGPA

CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES / # OF CA PLACEMENTS:

- Alameda County Probation (12)
- Los Angeles County Probation (8)
- San Joaquin County Probation (4)
- Solano County Probation (3)
- Monterey County Probation (3)
- Shasta County Probation (1)
- Lake County Probation (1)
- Marin County Probation (1)
- Imperial County Probation (1)
- Siskiyou County Probation (1)

TOTAL: 35

FACILITY & PHYSICAL PLANT OVERVIEW:

Silver State Academy continues to undergo major capital improvements and their licensed capacity has been decreased to 116. Only two living units are operating. The buildings formerly serving as Liberty and Graduation Halls have been demolished; Legend and Freedom Halls are presently not operating.

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TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8763

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Carol Lancaster

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LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 08/14/2013

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This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-84
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**FACILITY NAME:** RITE OF PASSAGE: SILVER STATE
ACADEMY**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300001**VISIT DATE:** 06/27/2013**NARRATIVE****EMERGENCY DISASTER PLAN:**

Floor plans denoting exit routes were observed to be posted in the buildings toured. The facility maintains fire drill logs which support that fire drills are done on a monthly basis.

FIRE CLEARANCE:

A fire alarm and life safety system inspection was conducted by ABC Fire and Cylinder Service on September 20, 2012. It is not clear whether all deficiencies were corrected and cleared.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLEARANCES:

A food service survey was conducted on June 5, 2013 of the temporary ROP culinary kitchen located in the gym by an Environmental Health Specialist with Indian Health Service. The survey report reflected that the kitchen appeared to be efficiently operated and well organized. Deficiencies cited were corrected.

COMPLAINTS: CA LICENSING

There have not been any substantiated complaint findings in connection with CDSS investigations subsequent to June 2012. Over the last year, CA and NV (Tribal) Licensing have worked cooperatively and closely together.

COMPLAINTS: NEVADA / TRIBAL LICENSING

A licensing team from Yerington Paiute Tribal Licensing/Social Services was on campus performing an annual licensing review the same day as the undersigned analyst was on campus performing mine. Prior to wrapping things up for the day, this analyst was able to meet with them and discuss their findings and ROP's progress over the last year. Agreement and optimism was expressed that significant improvement has occurred operationally over the last year. There were some minor deficiencies with respect to the annual just performed, but overall, the review was good. ROP subsequently satisfied the plan of correction timely.

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NARRATIVE**COMPLAINTS: NEVADA / TRIBAL LICENSING** (Continued)

Concerning complaints, allegations of child abuse and serious incidents over the last year, Tribal Licensing received far fewer in number than the previous year. Of those investigated, most allegations were deemed unfounded or inconclusive. The following represents violations that were cited and corrected:

- On February 19, 2013, an inappropriate restraint was performed. (One-man sitting restraint.) Although the restraint was justified, the restraint hold used is no longer an approved technique. Staff retraining occurred.
- On March 14, 2013, a student submitted a written grievance which was not resolved until March 25, 2013. Facility cited for failing to respond/resolve the student grievance in a timely manner (within 72 hours per ROP policy.)
- On April 14, 2013, a student was restrained and suffered minor injury. (The student suffered facial abrasions as a result of his face rubbing against a rough textured exterior wall during a wall assisted restraint.) Staff was retrained on surveying the surrounding area to ensure adequate room and surface space exists in order to perform a safe restraint.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview and discussion on facility operations and programming with new executive director Dr. Nikki Isaacs.
- Collection and review of facility records, documents and correspondence.
- Physical tour of grounds, living units, temporary kitchen and dining set-up in the gym.
- Meeting and discussion with Tribal Licensing who was also on grounds.
- 3 staff and 3 client files reviewed.
- Interviewed 3 clients.

OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS / VIOLATIONS:

CDSS and ROP have met quarterly over the last year and are continuing to do so. The facility's capacity and census has decreased over the years and continues to be down. The capital improvements made and those still in progress look great. The updated program statement requested last year is in the final completion stages. It has been a major undertaking. CDSS is hopeful that with renewed clarity, more diligence and better adherence to regulations and client personal rights, things will continue to improve. The new administrative team bolsters this hope. No violations cited. Re-Certify for one year (through June 2014.)

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